



## **Brownfields 2020 Cleanup Grant Fact Sheet**

### **Rockford, IL**

### **EPA Brownfields Program**

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002, as amended by the Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development Act of 2018, was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfield sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through five competitive grant programs: Multipurpose Grants, Assessment Grants, Revolving Loan Fund Grants, Cleanup Grants, and Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### **Cleanup Grant**

*\$275,000*

EPA has selected the City of Rockford for a Brownfields Cleanup Grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up the former Rockford Watch Factory located at 325 South Madison Street, which is within a Qualified Opportunity Zone. The factory was constructed in the late 19th century and has housed several manufacturing operations but has been unused and vacant since 2014. It is contaminated with metals and inorganic contaminants. Grant funds also will be used to clean up the former Lloyds Hearing Building located at 128 Kishwaukee Street. The building was constructed in 1913 and served as a streetcar trolley and maintenance barn until the 1960s, and then as an office building, but has been vacant and deteriorating for the past 13 years. Soils at the site are contaminated with polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons and metals. Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement activities.

### **Contacts**

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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